

**Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service**  
**Gifts and Hospitality Register 2020**  
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**1. Introduction**

The Gifts and Hospitality Register 2020 is a record of all gifts, hospitality invitations and rewards offered to SCTS employees regardless of value or whether they have been accepted by the individual.

The Gifts, Hospitality and Rewards policy seeks to protect the SCTS and its employees. The SCTS does not consider that it is appropriate for employees to accept anything other than token gifts or hospitality from court users, suppliers or any other person from an organisation with which the SCTS has business connections.

**2. Publication and analysis of information on the register**

The register, published in March 2021 for the previous calendar year (see Appendix 1), includes the date the gift/ hospitality was recorded, who the gift/ hospitality was provided by, the type of gift/hospitality, a brief description of the item, whether it was accepted or refused and name of court/ business unit. No personal data is included in the published data - any staff or third party names have been redacted.

Of the 42 items recorded on the 2020 register, 38 were gifts and 4 were hospitality invitations. 41 offers were accepted and 1 was refused.

**Breakdown by value**

<b>Value</b>	<b>Number of Entries</b>
Under £15	34
Between £15 and £30	1
Over £30	7

**Breakdown by Business area**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Number of Entries</b>
North Strathclyde	11
Grampians, Highlands and Islands	4
South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway	6
Lothian & Borders	3

Tayside, Central & Fife	16
Supreme Courts	1
Digital Services Unit	1

### **Unacceptable Gifts**

The policy states that cash, gift vouchers and alcohol are regarded as inappropriate for SCTS staff to accept. The register records 1 instance of gift vouchers being offered and accepted. However, the business area raffled the vouchers so that no individual directly benefitted.

### **3. Next steps**

HRU will review, investigate and publish information recorded during 2021 by 31 January 2022.

## Appendix 1 – Gifts and Hospitality Register 2020

Date Recorded	Provided By	Gift/Hospitality	Nature of Gift / Hospitality	Accepted/Refused	Court/Unit
06/01/2020	Linda Geogre Family Law	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Hamilton Sheriff Court
06/01/2020	Scullion Law	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Hamilton Sheriff Court
13/01/2020	Member of the public	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Inverness Sheriff Court
24/01/2020	Member of the public	Gift	Biscuits	Accepted	Perth Sheriff Court
27/01/2020	McKinnon Hewitt	Hospitality	Dinner	Accepted	Kilmarnock Sheriff Court
29/01/2020	James Guthrie & Co., Solicitors	Hospitality	Dinner	Accepted	North Strathclyde Management Team
30/01/2020	Member of the public	Gift	Biscuits	Accepted	Elgin Sheriff Court
12/02/2020	Member of the public	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Livingston Sheriff Court
25/02/2020	Member of the public	Hospitality	Dinner	Accepted	Hamilton Sheriff Court
25/02/2020	Lanarkshire Law Practice	Hospitality	Dinner	Accepted	Hamilton Sheriff Court
02/06/2020	Member of the public	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Dundee Sheriff Court
22/06/2020	Member of the public	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Kilmarnock Sheriff Court
09/07/2020	Member of the public	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Kilmarnock Sheriff Court
17/07/2020	Member of the public	Gift	Flowers	Accepted	Kilmarnock Sheriff Court
30/08/2020	BaxterStorey	Gift	Biscuits	Accepted	Airdrie Sheriff Court
01/09/2020	The Robert Kerr Partnership	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Paisley Sheriff Court
10/09/2020	Quadiant UK Ltd	Gift	Tablet	Accepted	Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court
05/10/2020	Member of the public	Gift	Gift Vouchers*	Accepted	South Strathclyde Management Team
09/10/2020	Smith & Grant	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court
23/10/2020	Member of the public	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Falkirk Sheriff Court
01/12/2020	Duncan Henderson	Gift	Biscuits	Accepted	Inverness Sheriff Court
04/12/2020	Member of the public	Gift	Chocolates & Plant	Accepted	Kilmarnock Sheriff Court
10/12/2020	Digby Brown	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Supreme Courts
11/12/2020	McKinnon Hewitt Solicitors	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Kilmarnock Sheriff Court

14/12/2020	Kirk & Co	Gift	Calendars	Accepted	Dunoon Sheriff Court
16/12/2020	Member of the public	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Alloa Sheriff Court
17/12/2020	Member of the public	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Livingston Sheriff Court
17/12/2020	Irving Geddes	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Perth Sheriff Court
17/12/2020	Thales	Gift	Hamper	Refused	Digital Services Unit
22/12/2020	T Duncan & Co	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Forfar Sheriff Court
22/12/2020	Geo Amey	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Forfar Sheriff Court
23/12/2020	Adairs, Solicitors	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Dumbarton Sheriff Court
23/12/2020	Witness Services	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Forfar Sheriff Court
23/12/2020	Bell Brodie	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Forfar Sheriff Court
23/12/2020	Member of the public	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Livingston Sheriff Court
23/12/2020	Gowans Dickson Solicitors	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Inverness Sheriff Court
23/12/2020	Member of the public	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Paisley Sheriff Court
31/12/2020	Virgil Crawford Solicitors	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Falkirk Sheriff Court
31/12/2020	Gair & Gibson	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Falkirk Sheriff Court
31/12/2020	MTM Solicitors	Gift	Biscuits	Accepted	Falkirk Sheriff Court
31/12/2020	Blackadder & McMonagle Solicitors	Gift	Chocolates	Accepted	Falkirk Sheriff Court
31/12/2020	Falkirk Council	Gift	Biscuits	Accepted	Falkirk Sheriff Court

\*Gift vouchers are unacceptable gifts in line with the Gifts, Hospitality & Reward policy - although these were accepted in one instance, they were raffled so that no individual directly benefitted.